

BEFORE THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE, NO. 05-131
RE: JUDGE BRANDT C. DOWNEY, III

Case No.: SC 05-2228

AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT W. BUTLER

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Robert W. Butler, who, being by me first duly sworn to oath, deposes and says as follows:

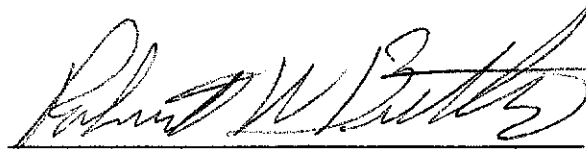
1. I have personal knowledge of the facts in this affidavit.
2. I am a licensed private investigator in good standing since 1989. Prior to being a private investigator, I was employed as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1965 until 1989.
3. I am currently under contract as a special investigator with the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission ("JQC"), assigned to assist in the investigation regarding Judge Brandt C. Downey, III.
4. During the course of the JQC's investigation of Judge Downey, and in anticipation of litigation, I conducted interviews with many individuals.
5. Prior to the interviews, I informed each person interviewed that the interviews were confidential and being conducted in furtherance of the above-referenced investigation. I took handwritten notes during each interview. These notes were not a

verbatim account of the witness statements but merely as summary of what each witness said to assist my investigation. I later used the notes, in conjunction with my memory and mental impression of the interview, to draft typewritten summaries of each interview. I did not use these notes to create witness statements.

6. I did not in any form tape record these witness interviews, nor did I possess audiotape or videotape equipment during these interviews.

7. I provided the typed witness interview summaries to Mr. Thomas C. MacDonald, Jr., General Counsel for the JQC, as well as the investigative panel of the JQC.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



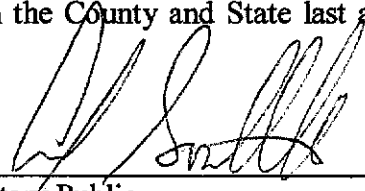
ROBERT W. BUTLER
Affiant

STATE OF FLORIDA

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared, ROBERT W. BUTLER, who is personally known by me or who presented a valid Florida Driver's License as identification, and who executed the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledged before me that he voluntarily executed the same, and who did take an oath.

10th WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this day of March, 2006.



Notary Public